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## State's Republicans on the hot seat over tax overhaul bill

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Millions of California voters opened their newspapers Tuesday morning to a scathing critique of the Republican tax bill currently under consideration in Washington.

"Tax reform shouldn't hurt Californians, but this proposal does, in a big way," the California Association of Realtors warns in a full-page ad running in the Nov. 14 edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, *Orange County Register*, *Bakersfield Californian*, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *Sacramento Bee*, *Modesto Bee* and *Fresno Bee*, as well as as *Politico* and the DC edition of the *Wall Street Journal*.

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The ad, an open letter to President Trump and California's congressional delegation, is just the latest in a flurry of campaigning on the GOP's tax overhaul that has the state's 14 Republicans on the hot seat – particularly a handful of vulnerable members from the Southern California suburbs. Along with their GOP counterparts from a few other high-cost, high-tax states, California Republicans face a choice of

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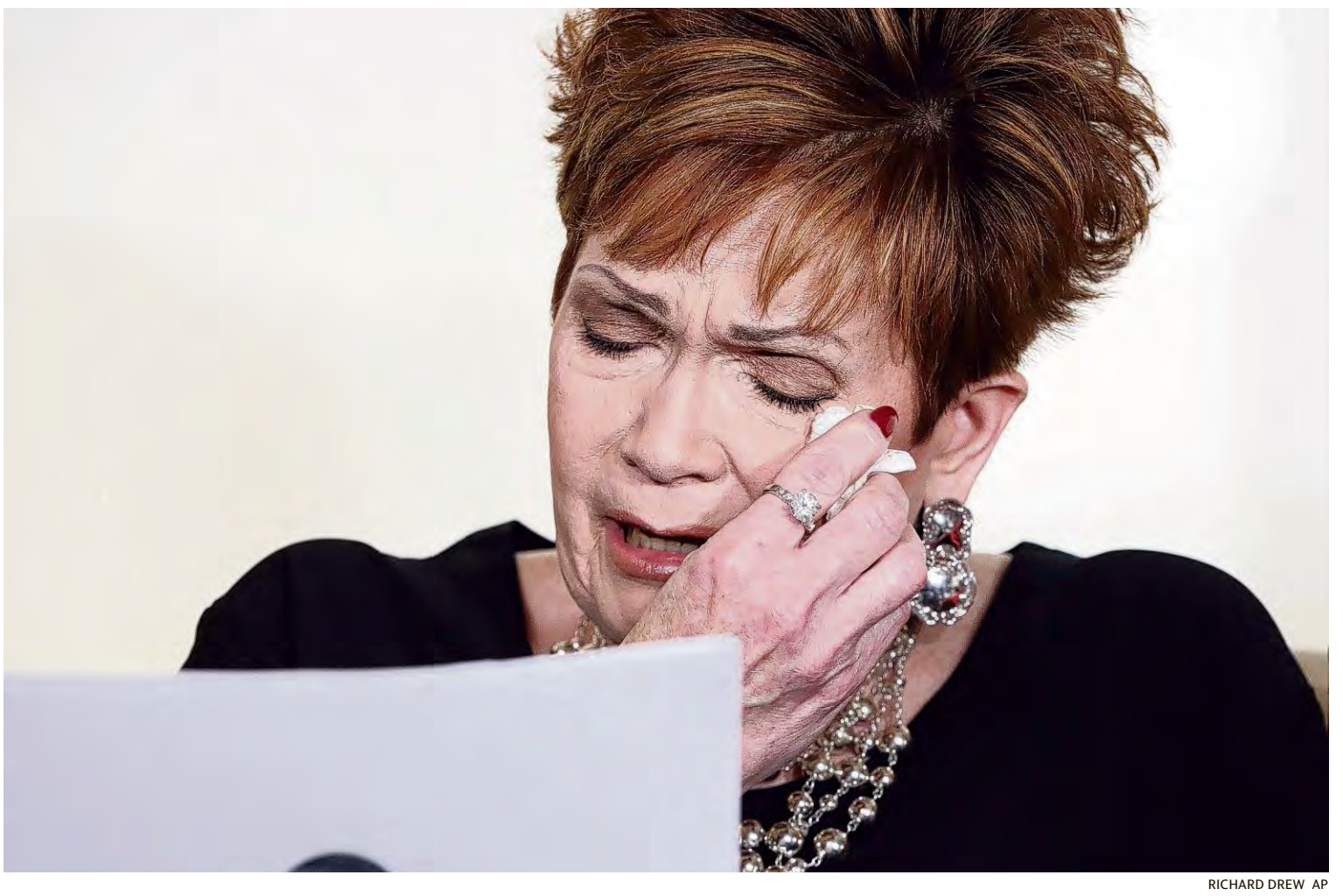
Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, joined by Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, touts the GOP tax reform plan last week.

## Fifth accuser comes forward against Alabama candidate



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Beverly Young Nelson, the latest accuser of Alabama Republican Roy Moore, reads her statement Monday at a news conference in New York. Nelson says Moore assaulted her when she was 16 and he offered her a ride home from a restaurant where she worked.

### Woman says she 'tried fighting him off' when she was 16

BY SHERYL GAY STOLBERG AND JONATHAN MARTIN
*New York Times*

WASHINGTON

A fifth woman accused Roy Moore, the Republican Senate candidate in Alabama, on Monday of making sexual or romantic advances toward her when she was a teenager, as senior Republicans in Washington called for him to drop out of the race and threatened to expel him from the Senate if he wins.

The new accuser, Beverly Young Nelson, said at a news conference in New York that Moore attacked her when she was 16 and he was a prosecutor in Etowah County, Ala. Nelson was represented at the news conference by Gloria Allred, a New York lawyer who has championed victims of sexual harassment.

HAL YEAGER AP

Roy Moore's candidacy could deepen the divide between GOP leaders in Congress and the party's populist wing standing by him.

"I tried fighting him off, while yelling at him to stop, but instead of stopping, he began squeezing my neck attempting to force my head onto his crotch," Nelson said in a statement she issued at the news conference. She said Moore warned her that "no one will believe you" if she told anyone about the encounter in his car.

Hours earlier, Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader, said Monday that Moore "should step aside" and that he believes the women who have accused Moore of sexual misconduct when they were teenagers.

"I believe the women, yes," McConnell said at a news conference in Louisville, Ky.

McConnell also said that encouraging a write-in candidate to run in the Dec. 12 special election is "an option we're looking at."

Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, speaking in his role as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said that if Moore wins the special election, he should be

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INSIGHT

## Is climate change too big to fix through politics?

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BONN, GERMANY

Meeting for annual climate talks, America's political leaders are forcefully reiterating their commitments to the landmark Paris climate accord, despite President Donald Trump's dismissal of the pact as a threat to the nation's economy and sovereignty.

Govs. Jerry Brown of California, Jay Inslee of Washington and Kate Brown of Oregon – top officials of the West Coast's "Blue Wall" – promised in Bonn to fill the widening gap left by the federal government's retreat from the international stage. They were joined by mayors and members of Congress, business leaders and philanthropists in their calls for resolve.

Yet as the world grapples with the challenge of converting their ambitious pledges two years ago in Paris into actionable plans to decrease greenhouse gases, a more vexing question ask hangs over the conference: Can climate change be solved by politics, or is the existential threat too polarizing, distant and amorphous to tackle?

"There is a lot of talk, but as I say it's better than the opposite, which is no talk," Brown said over the weekend at his hotel in Bonn. "It's a torturous process because nobody's in charge. It's independent states and nations that have to coalesce behind policies that radically transform their economies. It's almost unthinkable the magnitude of the challenge. And, yet, here we are."

Recent polling found the number of Americans who are "very" or "somewhat" worried about global warming reached 61 percent, according to Yale University. But studies show Americans don't consid-

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